उपभोक्ताओं को तथा राज्य के बाहर के उपभोक्ताओं को की जा रही है।

(ख) से (घ) मई, 1982 में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से कुछ सड़कों को चौड़ा तथा सुदृढ़ करने संबंधी एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था। राज्य सरकार को सूचित कर दिया है कि राज्य की सड़कों का निर्माण किया जाना राज्य सरकारों का प्राथमिक उत्तरदायित्व है। राज्य सरकारें, अन्य संसाधनों के अतिरिक्त, अपने राज्यों में उत्पादित कोयले पर रायल्टी तथा अन्य कर लगाकर यथेष्ट राजस्व एकत्रित करती है, जिसे कोयला क्षेत्रों में सड़कों का निर्माण किए जाने के लिए प्रयोग में लाया जा सकता है।

Show cause notice by RPF Commission to ITDC Provident Fund Trust

*145. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner served any show cause notice to ITDC Provident Fund Trust for non compliance of EPMP Act, 1952;

(b) if so, what are the specific lapses noticed by Provident Fund authorities;

(c) what steps have been taken since then to overcome the failures/lapses;

(d) how many employee members were there in the ITDC Provident Fund Trust;

(e) what is the total trust amount as on date;

(f) whether it is a fact the ITDC trust has failed to settle the Provident Fund dues and employees pensions in time; and

(g) who were/are the members of ITDC provident trust as per record?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) Delay in issue of annual statement of accounts, non-submission of audited balance-sheet and family pension return, non-completion of eligibility register, etc. are the lapses noticed by the EPF authorised in functioning of the ITDC PF Trust. Several show-cause notices have been issued to the ITDC PF Trust for non-compliance with the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and the relaxation granted to them under para 79 of the EPF Scheme has since been withdrawn by the RPFC, Delhi.

There are five representatives each of the employers and the employees on the ITDC PF Trust. The total trust amount as on 3-11-1993 was Rs. 16.71 crores. There have been some difficulties in settlement of certain PF and Family Pension claims. The EPF Organisaton has already initiated necessary action to sort out the matter.

Severe Coal shortage in Non-core Sectors

*147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is severe coal shortage in the non-core sectors;

(b) whether these non-core sectors are confronted with a serious problem of short receipts in supplies at the destination and a large scale pilferage in the yard;

(c) whether the raw coking coal production in the net coal output has consistently showed a declining trend; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Coal companies are responsible only with regard to delivery and despatch of correct quantity and quality of coal from the loading end and they are not responsible for any loss in transit.

(c) and (d) Details of coking coal production during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is giving below:

(In Million Tonnes)
(Data Provisional)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Steel and Washery Grades	31.80	32.77	32.33
Other Grades	13.76	12.95	13.07

There is some gap between the demand and availability of metallurgical grade

coking coal required for steel plants. Steps have been taken for expediting development of on going projects and opening of new mines for increasing the production of metallurgical grade coking coal required for steel plants, etc.

Memoranda Submitted by All India Federation of Sales Executives to Government

*148. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Federation of Sales Executives has repeatedly submitted memoranda to Government requesting amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the Sales Promotion Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1976 to provide protection to the said category of employees with higher salary ; and

(b) if so, what is the stage of consideration of the said request and what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requests have been considered and it has not been found feasible to accept the same.

The special enactment "The Sales Promotion (Employees Condition of Service) Act, 1976 had been framed with the objective of extending to the sales promotion employees the benefits available to workmen under the ID Act, 1947 and under certain other labour laws. Hence the definition of Sales Promotion Employees appearing in the Sales Promotion Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1976 had been amended in 1986 to bring it at par with the definition of "Workman" as given in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. As a result persons working in administrative and managerial capacity as well as those working in supervisory capacity and drawing wages exceeding Rs. 1600/- p.m. are excluded from the purview of the Act. This has been communicated to the Federation.

Child Labour Employed in Various Glass Factories in the Country

*151. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of children below 18 years employed as labour in the various glass factories in the country ;

(b) the city-wise details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to check child labour in private glass factories and other such organisations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR : (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The 1981 Census does not indicate industry-wise number of children employed. 1991 Census figures pertainng to child labour are not yet available.

(c) In order to protect children against employment in certain areas including glass factores, prohibitory and penal provisions have been made in the Factories Act, 1948 and the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The competent governments, especially the State Govt. of U.P. in whose jurisdiction a large number of private glass factories exist, have been advised to ensure strict enforcemnt of the legal provisions.

A National Child Labour Project has been set up for the welfare and rehabilitation of child labour withdrawn from employment in glass industry in Ferozabad, U.P.

Coal Potential Established in Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra

*152. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total coal potential established in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra ;

(b) what types of coals are available in this area ; and

(c) how long would this coal be available for established thermal power stations in Chandrapur district ?